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Norm Nardelli's interest in trains extends back to his childhood. Both of his uncles worked for the Pennsylvania Railroad in a section of Newark, NJ known as the Ironbound (the name was derived from the trackage surrounding the neighborhood and the myriad factories located there). It was here that Norm spent much time watching trains from several railroads move freight to and from this industrial hub.

Norm's childhood inspired the construction of his layout. His model railroad story continues on page 9.



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A Master Model Railroader Tip

Painting bathroom or kitchen porcelain fixtures in any scale with Sheffield Porcelain Touch-Up paint does a nice job. Shown in the photo are some white metal HO-scale bathtubs, toilets, and sinks from a Fine Scale Miniatures kit painted with this product. They look and feel like real porcelain. The paint is lacquer based.

Jerry Lauchle, MMR



From the Superintendent's Desk

I hope you are all getting ready for the MER Convention – **Round the Curve to Altoona 2023**. I'm looking forward to seeing your models entered in the contest room. I haven't decided yet if I'll enter a model or two or just display some of my scratchbuilt steam engines. By the time you read this I will have had an informal meeting with my board of directors (I hope they enjoyed my made from scratch pizza; hey, I'm a scratchbuilder). As I reported in the last issue of *Susquehanna Sidetracks*, our Division is quite large geographically. We've divided it into four areas:

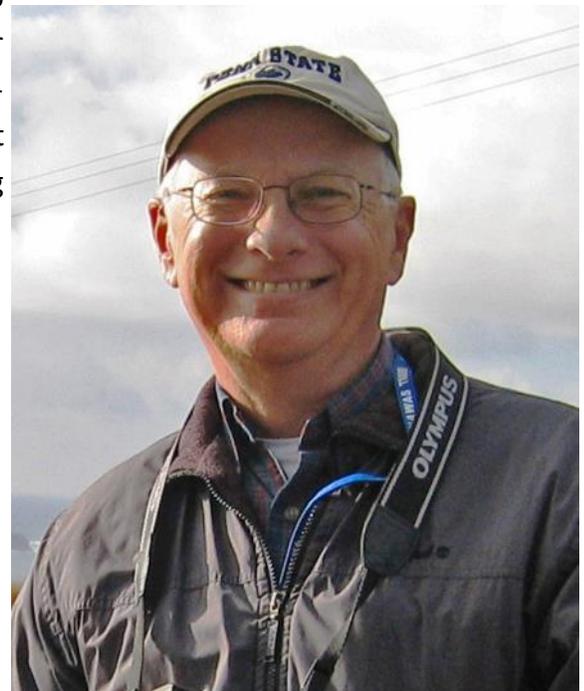
1. South Central centered on the Harrisburg/Lancaster,
2. North Central centered on State College/Williamsport,
3. Southeast centered on Allentown, and
4. Northeast centered on Wilkes-Barre/Scranton.

I'm urging members in these areas to take on the task of planning a division meet in these places. **This is your Division.** For the Northeast area, a day at Steamtown is a no-brainer. Who of you will take charge of this? Contact me with your ideas and if you need help organizing an event.

Make plans to attend our division meeting on December 9th at the Good Hope Station Community Room, 1200 Good Hope Road, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050, beginning at 9 AM. We will have a short business meeting to let you all know what's going on in the division. We will have our usual Modeler's Showcase, so bring your latest completed models or ones that you're working on. You'll have 5 minutes to tell us about your project. We will also have at least one clinic on powering a Funaro & Camerlengo Plymouth rod-connected gas-mechanical critter. It's relatively short, so if you have a clinic to present, let me know in advance so we can put you on the schedule. We will have coffee and donuts for a donation to the division and at least one layout open for visiting.

And this time we're going to do something different; we're going to have a free raffle. Bring something railroad related that you no longer need or want. It can be almost anything. Those will be the raffle prizes. Everyone will get a raffle ticket, and if yours is drawn, you'll get your pick of one of the donated items. I'll be bringing a set of cutting tools and some other stuff I don't need.

Alan



Second Section

Susquehanna Sidetracks

Official Newsletter of the Susquehanna Division 11
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ALCO T6 #400 sits on the turntable at the Age of Steam Roundhouse complex in Sugarcreek, OH. Built in 1968, this 1,000 HP transfer engine possessed higher speeds and greater speed transitioning than an ordinary switcher. These characteristics enabled it to “transfer” freight cars between freight yards.

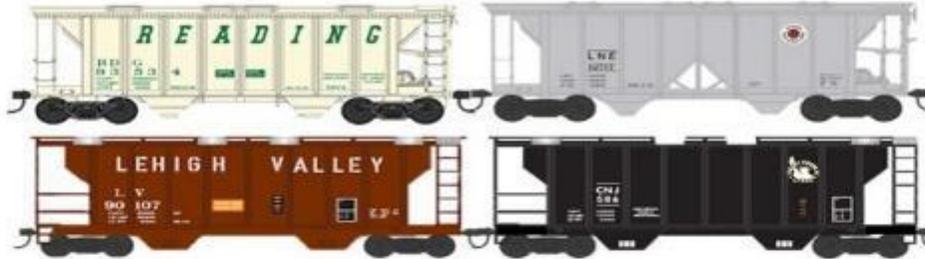
Division Monetary Report

National Model Railroad Association
Mid-Eastern Region
Susquehanna Division #11
Cash Flow Statement
For July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023

<u>Beginning Cash Balance - July 1, 2022</u>		\$10,358.19
<u>Income for the Year</u>		
Subscription Income	\$60.00	
Scott Unger - Donation	150.00	
Coffee Donations	50.00	
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Total Income Received		<hr/> 260.00
Total Cash Available		\$10,618.19
<u>Expenses for the Year</u>		
PNC - New Checks	\$26.41	
Tice Associates, PC	50.00	
Bank Svce Charges	29.00	
Award Frames	38.14	
Allentown Room Rental	150.00	
Paul Tice 30 year Plaque	122.66	
Paul Tice award Luncheon	15.57	
Sidetracks Printing/Mailing to Paid Members	159.90	
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Total Expenses		<hr/> 591.68
<u>Ending Cash Balance - June 30, 2023</u>		<hr/> \$10,026.51
All Undesignated Funds		

submitted by Dean Johnson, Chief Clerk of the Susquehanna Division

ANTHRACITE RAILROADS MODELERS MEET XI



SEPTEMBER 15-16-17, 2023

READING RAILROAD HERITAGE MUSEUM HAMBURG, PENNSYLVANIA, USA



EVENT HIGHLIGHTS and FEATURES

Anthracite Railroad modeling displays
Anthracite Railroad inspired layout tours
Anthracite Railroad modeling & history clinics
Social hour to meet-greet your fellow modelers
"White elephant" sales table for registered modelers

Door Prize raffle from major sponsors!
Certificate Awards for popular vote models
Event t-shirts for sale (pre-order only)
Make great new model railroad friend
Vendors selling Anthracite Railroad items

THE EVENT- ANTHRACITE RAILROADS MODELERS MEET XI

WELCOME to the ANTHRACITE RAILROADS MODELERS MEET XI. As you can see, we've changed the name of our event. This was done to make everyone feel more welcomed and in the hopes more will participate! Our event goal is very simple – get everyone interested in modeling the anthracite railroads, together and enjoy displays of our modeling efforts. To learn more about the anthracite railroads and how to model them. See anthracite railroad inspired layouts. Enjoy meeting fellow anthracite railroad modelers and creating long lasting friendships!

For the 3rd year we are pleased to include other anthracite railroads and they are invited to display and participate. These railroads are now included in our event - **Central Railroad of New Jersey; Delaware, Lackawanna, & Western Railroad; Lehigh & Hudson River Railroad; Lehigh & New England Railroad; Lehigh Valley Railroad, Pennsylvania-Reading Shore Lines and the Reading Company!!** As you can see by the event title, this is our BIG 11th event and we hope you will make this 11th event even better! Our event includes many extras- Clinics, displays and layout tours!

For any questions, call Barry Hensel at 734-649-3056 or send email to barry76Lt@wowway.com

Hosted by: **The Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, Reading Company Technical & Historical Society and Anthracite Railroad Historical Society**



Spectator admission!

This will be available on Saturday only!! Spectator admission allows you to view the models, talk to the owners/modelers, purchase items from the vendors that are onsite and tour the Museum grounds. Spectator admission is available from 8am-4pm
Admission: Adults \$9, Seniors (65+) \$8, Children (5 - 12) \$3, Children 4 and under FREE.
RCT&HS and ARHS members FREE.

Non-NMRA Event (continued)

Main Line Hobby Sale and Layout Tour Event



Main Line Hobby Supply

15066 Buchanan Trail, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214 (717) 794-2860

Saturday September 16 & Sunday September 17, 2023

Doors OPEN Saturday at 9:00 AM, and Sunday at 12:00 PM

There will be an additional 10% OFF everything in the store,(excluding consignment items).

At this time, we have twenty some layouts confirmed for the tour, we never know a final count until about Sept.1st. **Tours are self guided, with no cost.** *Tour highlights include:* Andrew Dodge's NEW Central Maine Layout, Jim Brewers N&W HO layout , David Hughes HO Western Maryland , Brian Wolfe HO Western Maryland, plus a few more that have been in the national model news magazines over the years, that will be open. This is just a few of the great model railroads that are available this year. NOT all layouts are open both days.



Susquehanna Division 11 Meet

Saturday, December 9, 2023

Where: Good Hope Station Community Room
1200 Good Hope Road
Mechanicsburg, PA 17050

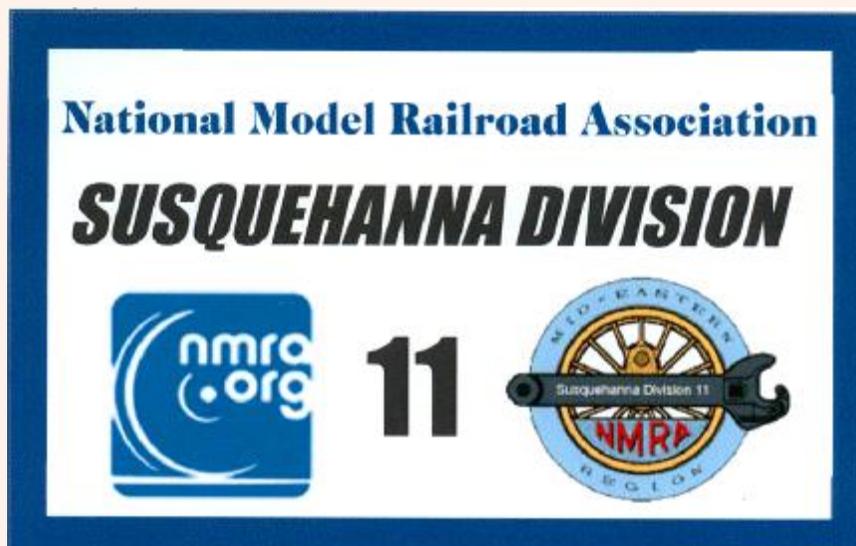
What Time: 9 AM – Noon

Who's Invited: NMRA members and friends

Details:

- There will be coffee and donuts (donation).
- We will have a short business meeting to let everyone know what is happening in the Division and meet our new directors.
- This will be followed by a Modeler's Showcase. Bring your latest project; completed or in process.
- There will be at least one clinic.
- Lunch will be on your own.
- At least one layout will be open for visitation.

Oh yes: We are going to have a free raffle. Bring something railroad related, a tool, a model, or what have you that you no longer need or want. Everybody will get a ticket and if yours is drawn, you'll get to pick what you want from what others have brought.



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad

1. **What is the name of your layout?** It has no formal name.
2. **What scale is your layout?** It is HO scale.
3. **Does your layout have a specific era and/or location?** The layout represents the 1950's in the area surrounding Newark and Hillside, New Jersey.



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)

4. **What is the overall dimensions of your layout?** The layout measures 25' X 35'.

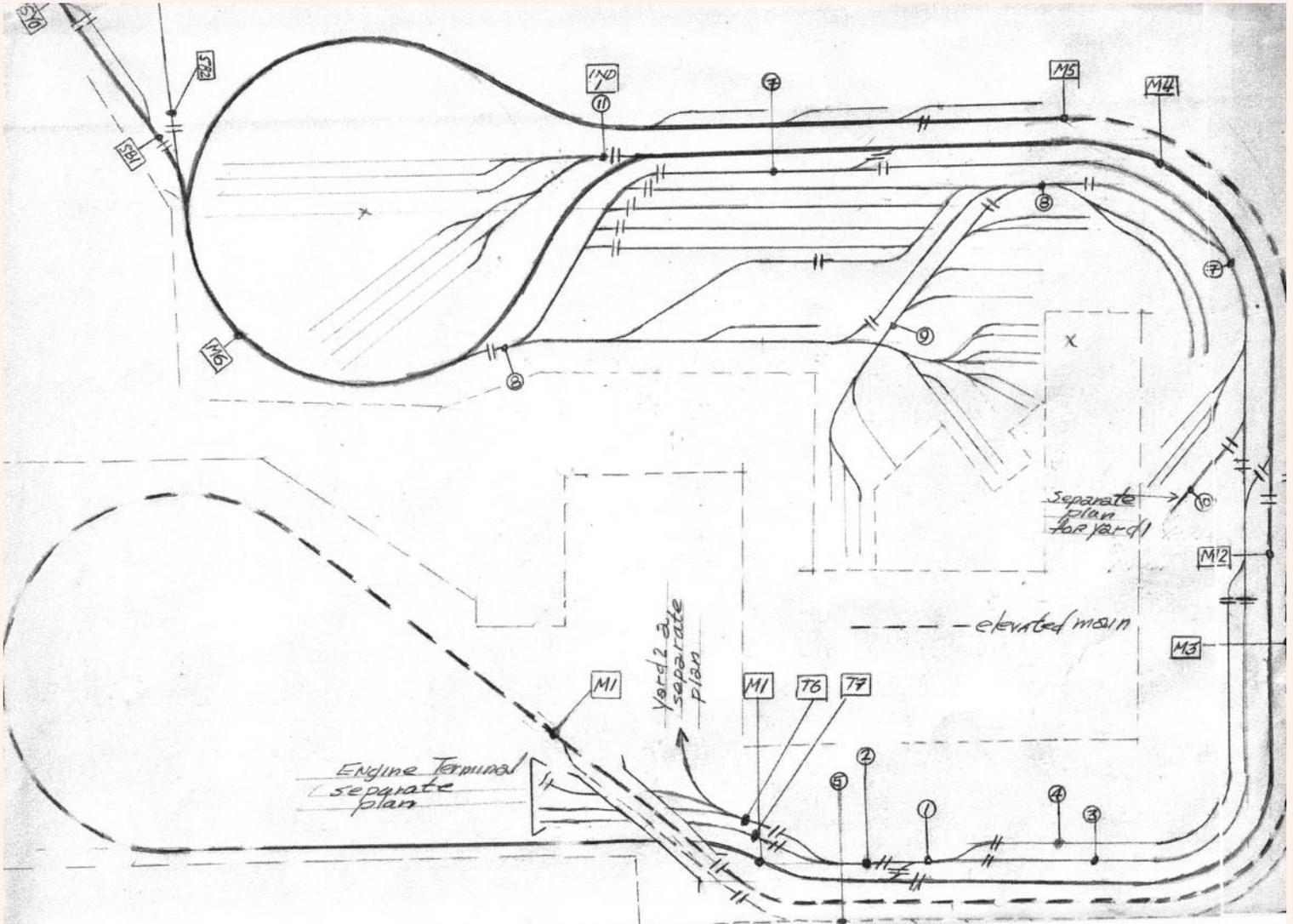
5. **By what means and brand of equipment do you control your layout?** The layout is DCC controlled by a NCE system.

6. **When did you first begin construction of your layout?** I began building the layout in 2008.

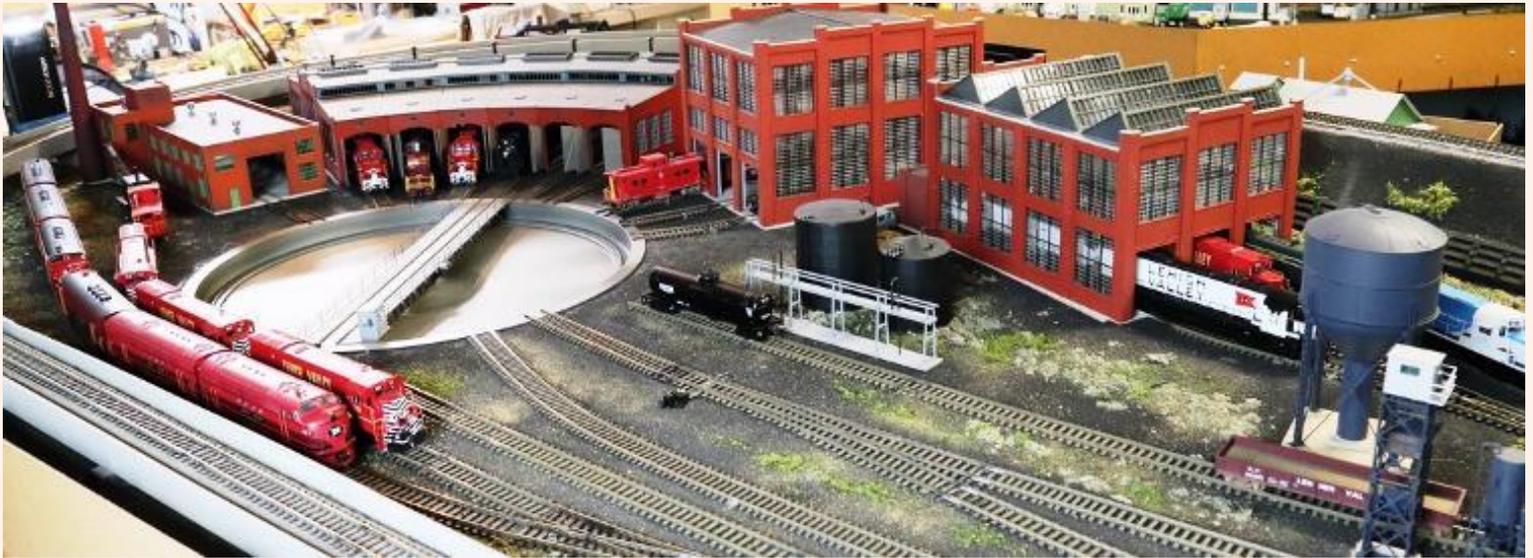


Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)

7. Do you sponsor Operating Sessions on your layout? No, I don't. The layout was not designed for operations.
8. Do you have a track plan diagram for your layout (i.e. JPEG or PDF format)? Yes, I do. However, it was drawn without the aid of a computer as you can see below.
9. What type of track (sectional, flex track or hand laid) and switches are on your layout? I used Atlas track and switches.



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)

10. If you were to brag about your layout, what would you describe as its outstanding feature(s)? My layout serves as a reminder of the past and memories of my childhood.

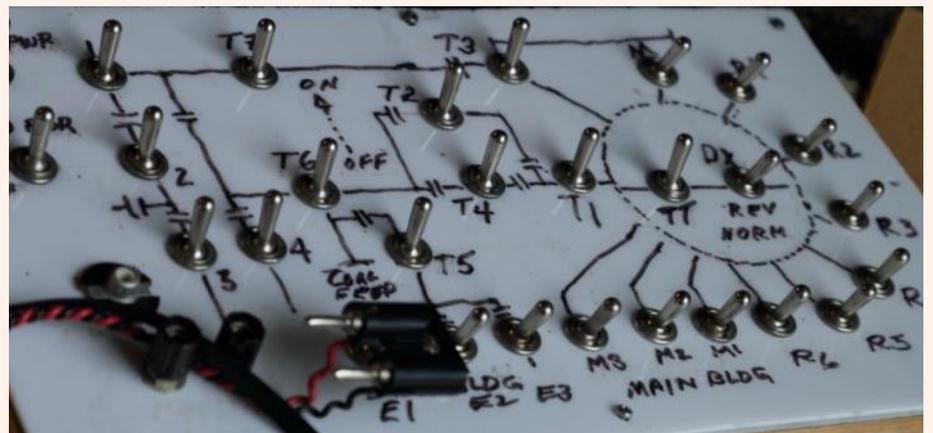
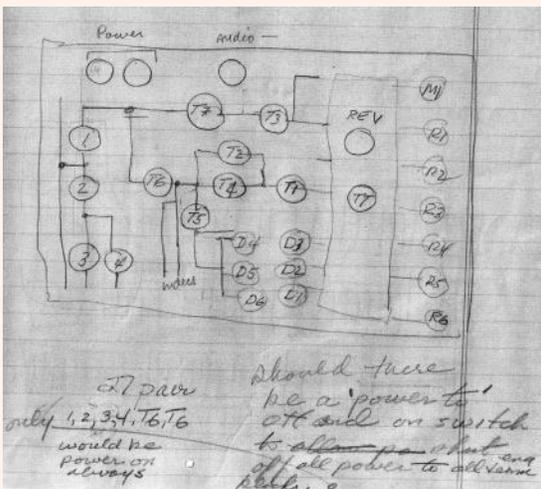


Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)

11. **Approximately, how many engines and rolling stock is in your collection? Also, what brand of engines do you run on your layout?** I have approximately 250 cars and 60 locomotives. I also have a brass collection of 50 engines.



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)



Norm Nardelli's Model Railroad (continued)



photos courtesy of Joseph Malham

MER 'Round the Curve' Convention News

Round the Curve to Altoona Convention Clinics Program

The Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA will be sponsoring their yearly regional convention in Altoona, PA from October 19-21, 2023. The Susquehanna Division will be the host and organizer of a wide range of model railroad events and activities.

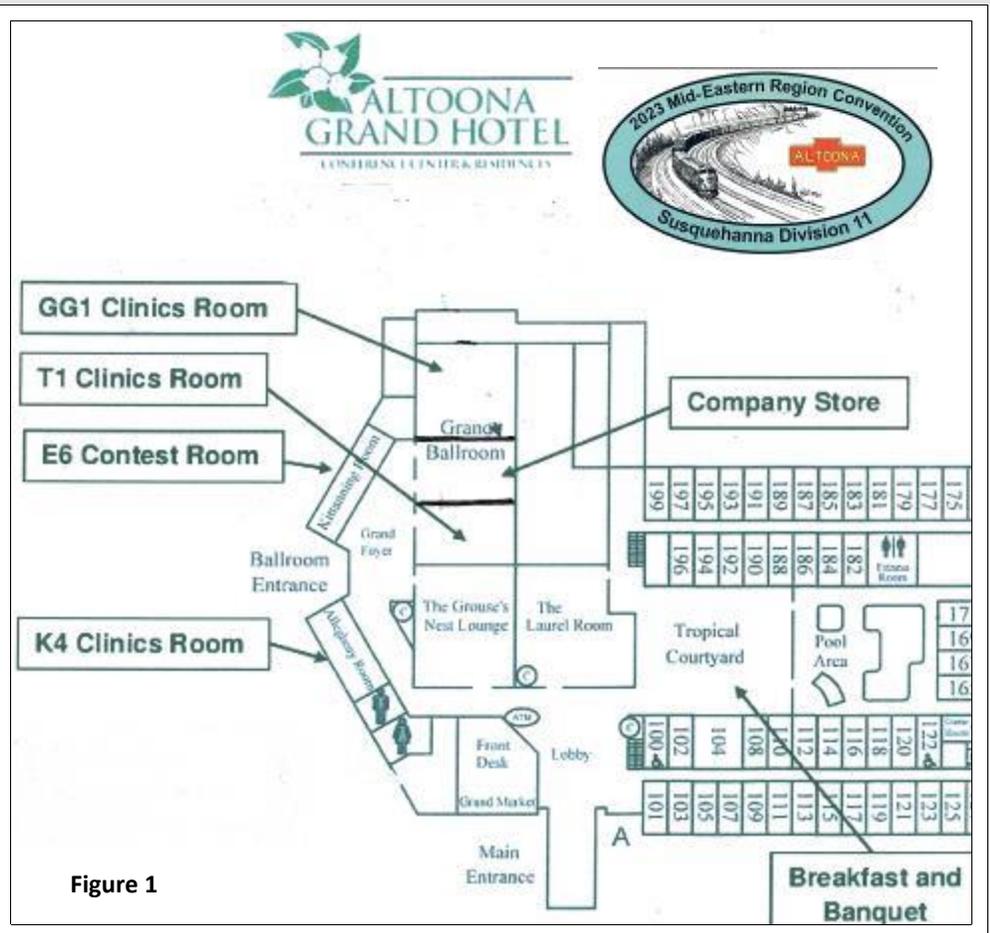
Previous newsletter articles highlighted the hotel, conference rooms and banquet facilities at the convention site; outside activities including a trip/ride on the East Broad Top Railroad and Western Maryland Scenic Railroad and a visit and back shop tour of the Railroaders Memorial Museum (including an up close view of the refurbishment of PRR K4 #1361); the Convention Model Railroad Contest program open to all attendees who wish to have their workmanship adjudicated; description and offering of several Operation Sessions hosted by nearby private model railroad layouts; and most recently, a directory of numerous Open House Tours describing the private and public model railroads to visit. That leaves the last component of the convention to tout.....the clinics program!

The Round the Curve to Altoona Convention will be headquartered in the Altoona Grand Hotel. Besides being a location for overnight convention participants, conference rooms, banquet hall, contest room, company store and registration/information desk will also be on-site.

All of the sponsored clinics will be centered in three conference rooms. We have named the clinic rooms and the contest room after notable PRR locomotives. The clinic rooms are named the K4 Clinic Room, the T1 Clinic Room and the GG1 Clinic Room. The contest room has been named the E6 Contest Room. The locations of these, and other rooms can be seen in Figure 1.

The current schedule of clinics includes Make-N-Take work sessions, regular one-hour clinics, two hour extended clinics and special presentations by the Everett Railroad and the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site. Also featured will be nationally known authors and modelers.

The complete current schedule for Thursday, Friday and Saturday is included for your prusal. It can be found on pages 20-22. It can also be viewed on the convention website <https://mer2023.org/calendar.html>. The current list of clinicians and clinics can be seen at <https://mer2023.org/clinics.html>.



MER 'Round the Curve' Convention News (continued)

Here are some of the great clinic offerings presently scheduled for the convention:

Make-N-Take Clinics

TinkerCAD Introduction

TinkerCad will be presented by Kurt Thompson MMR. This double session clinic will teach the basics of TinkerCad. This 3D modeling (free of charge) program runs in a web browser and is well-suited for designing model railroad structures, parts, accessories, etc. TinkerCad requires pre-registration and participants must supply their own laptop. This no-fee clinic is offered on Friday, October 20th from 7-9 PM in the GG1 Clinic Room.

Make-N-Take Natural Scenery

Natural Scenery will be presented by Jane Clarke, a knowledgeable and highly praised modeler. This single session make-n-take clinic intends to teach the techniques for making scenery using materials from your own backyard. This no-fee clinic requires pre-registration. It is offered on Thursday, October 19th from 7-8 PM in the T1 Clinic Room.

Make-N-Take Ipswich Hobbies' Tool Shed

Ipswich Hobbies Tool Shed will be presented by Jack Dziadul. Jack will lead participants through step-by-step assembly of Ipswich Hobbies' Tool Shed, a laser cut model kit of a Southern Railway (Cape Fear & Yadkin Valley) speeder shed that once served the railroad in Goldston, North Carolina. This is a simple kit to build and will add realistic detail to any scale model railroad. Beginners will get their feet wet in building craftsman kits and more experienced modelers will have an opportunity to add a prototype structure for additional detail on their layout. Skills learned include following instructions, distressing basswood, adding details, and weathering with stains and powders. The kit is available in N, HO and O scales. Fee required: \$15 N-Scale, \$25 HO-Scale, \$45 O Scale. Pre-registration is required for this double session clinic which is offered on Friday, October 20th from 7-9:30 PM in the T1 Clinic Room.

Thursday - 10/19/23			
TIMES	K4 Room	GG1 Room	T1 Room
7:00 PM	Kurt Thompson MMR -- Returning Contest Judges	John Burchnall -- Prototype Timelines for Modelers	Jane Clarke -- Natural Scenery
8:00 PM			break
8:30 PM	Ernie Liittle MMR -- Becoming a Master Model Railroader		Doug Bosley -- Allegheny Portage Railroad National Park
9:30 PM			

This Make & Take session requires pre-registration and has a maximum of 20 participants (there is no fee).

MER Round the Curve' Convention News (continued)

Friday - 10/20/23			
TIME	K4 Room	GG1 Room	T1 Room
8:00 AM 9:00 AM	Alan Mende -- Obsessive, Compulsive Detailing Revisited	Brian Sheron MMR -- Expanding the Long Island Railroad	David Ellis -- Expand Your Horizons with Backdrops
9:30 AM 10:30 AM	Alan Mende -- Soldering Essentials	Brian Sheron MMR -- Modeling Urban Scenes	Kevin O'Connor -- Getting a Freight Car Kit Ready for Your Layout
break			
11:00AM 12:00 PM	Andrew Dodge MMR -- Building Model Structures with Plexiglas	Joe Walters MMR -- Scratch-building a Jordan Spreader	
LUNCH			
1:30 PM 2:30 PM	Andrew Dodge MMR-- Modeling to Prototype Standards and Operating Procedures	Lance Mindheim -- Model Railroading as Art	Jeff Witt -- Remembering John Allen's Gorre & Daphetid Railroad
break			
3:00 PM 4:00 PM	Ron Smith -- PCC Trolley Restorations	Lee Rainey -- East Broad Top 101	Jeff Witt -- John Allen in Print: A Survey of his Publications
break			
4:30 PM 5:30 PM	Ernie Little MMR -- Building a Programming Track/Using Decoder Pro to Program a Locomotive	Bob Bucklew -- JMRI Throttles and Virtual Signals	John Sokash -- Pennsy Steam Locomotives
DINNER			
7:00 PM 8:00 PM	Alan Maples -- The Everett Railroad Story	Kurt Thompson MMR -- TinkerCAD	Jack Dziadul -- Building a RR Tool Shed
break			
8:30 PM 9:30 PM	Jim Fisher -- Introduction to Technical Aspects of DCC		
<i>These two-part clinics are Make & Take sessions that require pre-registration and a small fee.</i>			
<i>This clinic requires pre-registraion and a laptop computer.</i>			

MER 'Round the Curve' Convention News (continued)

Saturday - 10/21/23			
TIME	K4 Room	GG1 Room	T1 Room
8:00 AM	Dr. John Pursell -- Misers Guide to Model Railroading	Brian Sheron MMR -- Building an Automatic Operational RR Crossing	Mike Prokop -- Easy Coal Loads
9:00 AM			
break			
9:30 AM	Andrew Dodge MMR -- Recofiguring a Layout: From the Colorado Rockies to the Rocky Coast of Maine	Brian Sheron MMR -- Details Can Make the Difference	Mike Prokop -- On the Waterfront
10:30 AM			
break			
11:00AM	Lance Mindheim -- Layout Planning: Putting the Horse Before the Cart	Rob Hinkle -- Researching and Designing a Hershey Inspired Reading Layout	John Burchnall -- Engineering Secrets of Eastern Loggers
12:00 PM			
LUNCH			
1:30 PM	Bernie Kempinski MMR -- Manifest Destiny - Expanding the USMRR Aquia Line	Andy Blenko -- Design of the Pittsburgh Mainline Layout	Jeff Witt -- The Gorre & Daphetid: Past, Present & Future
2:30 PM			
break			
3:00 PM	Joe Walters MMR -- Building the PROSES Locomotive House	Tom Neukirchen -- Garden Railroading from Beginning to Now	John Gallagher -- Designing Operations which Reflect Economic Purpose of Railroading
4:00 PM			
break			
4:30 PM	Bernie Kempinski MMR -- Waterfront Terminals and Operations	Jim Rose -- Consider Mixed Scales and Gauges in Layout Planning	Neal Schorr -- Recreating the PRR's Middle Division
5:30 PM			
break			
6:00 PM	RECEPTION		
7:00 PM	ANNUAL BANQUET		

Getting a Freight Car Kit Ready for Your Layout Make-and-Take

Getting a Freight Car Kit Ready for your Layout will be presented by Kevin O'Connor, a highly respected modeler and frequent clinician. This make-n-take clinic will focus on getting that kit you just picked up at the last train show, swap meet, purchased on eBay or was gifted ready to run on your layout. A short presentation will be followed by each participant receiving either an Athearn, Accurail, or Roundhouse HO scale 40' or 50' boxcar. When the clinic is concluded, the boxcar will meet your requirements to run on your layout. Participants should bring the following tools: screw driver set, file set, #11 blade knife, ruler (either scale or standard), needle nose pliers, ACC and styrene glue. The following should be brought if you have them: a small portable scale that measures ounces, Kadee coupler height gauge and graphite tube. Metal wheels, couplers, and weights will be provided. This double session clinic requires pre-registration and a \$12 fee. It will be offered on Friday, October 20th from 9:30 AM-12 PM in the T1 Clinic Room.

MER 'Round the Curve' Convention News (continued)

Guest Presenters

Alan Maples- Alan is the owner and CEO of the Everett Railroad Company in Hollidaysburg, PA (just a short drive from Altoona). The history of the railroad dates back to 1954 when it was established to take over a portion of the Huntington & Broad Top Mountain Railroad and Coal Company near Everett, PA. In 1995, Alan Maples purchased the railroad and began a series of expansions and improvements. Today the corporation not only runs tourist trains (headed by a refurbished 2-6-0 and a recently built station), but also hauls local freight as a short line. Alan will present highlights of operations and invite interested conventioners to visit and ride his railroad.



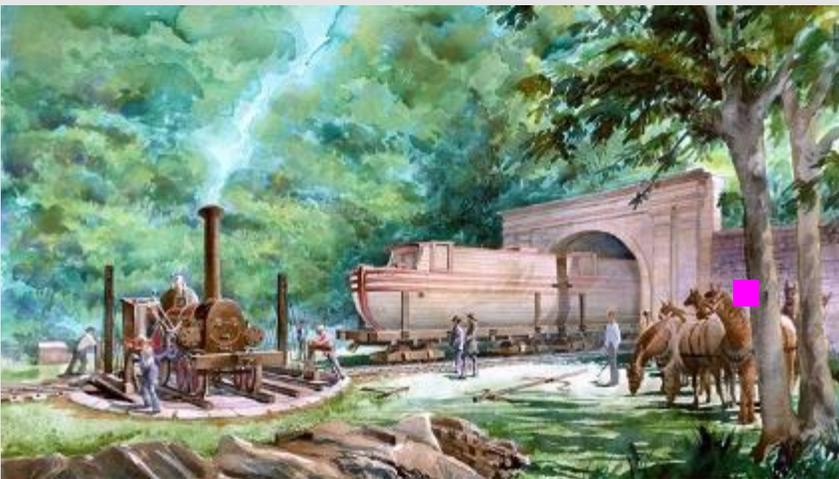
Engine #11 and passenger coaches arriving at the Roaring Spring Station.



Engine #11 ready to depart the Hollidaysburg Station

above photos courtesy of the Everett Railroad

Doug Bosley- Doug is the Chief of Interpretation and Visitor Services/Site Manager assigned to the Allegheny Portage Railroad National Historic Site in Gallitzin, PA (short drive from Altoona). Doug is an authority on the historic canal systems of Pennsylvania and, in particular, the Allegheny Portage Railroad. This unique railroad was an integral link in the canal system which transported goods from canal boats over the Allegheny Mountains on rails and back down to canal boats where the journey continued to Pittsburgh or Philadelphia. Doug's presentation will not only be informative but will generate a desire to visit the historic site and experience the days of portage railroading.



Canal barge being transported out of the Staple Bend Tunnel.



Head of Plane No. 6, Old Portage Railroad.
Geo. W. Storm, Artist.

Old Portage Railroad, a drawing by George W. Storm, 1839

above graphics courtesy of the Allegheny Portage National Historic Site

MER 'Round the Curve' Convention News (continued)

Special Clinic Presenters

Andrew Dodge MMR- Andrew is a Master Model Railroader who has gained a wealth of knowledge and developed outstanding modeling skills over the years. He is a frequent clinic presenter and author of numerous model railroad-ing magazine features. Andrew will present clinics on constructing Plexiglas structures, modeling to prototype standards and operations, and re-configuring a layout from one locale to another.

Bernie Kempinski MMR- Bernie is a Master Model Railroader who has been featured in Model Railroader maga-zine's "Meet the Modeler: Bernie Kempinski". He is an authority on Civil War railroading and even portrays a Union Colonel at some events. In addition to being a published author, Bernie also owns and manages the Alkem Scale Model Company. Bernie's clinics will cover 'manifest destiny' and waterfront terminal operations.

Lee Rainey- Lee is the noted historian of the East Broad Top Railroad. His text book about the history and opera-tions of the railroad is still sought after by railroad history buffs. Lee was instrumental in organizing and leading the Friends of the East Broad Top Railroad for many years. Lee will present a clinic entitled "East Broad Top 101".

Lance Mindheim- Lance is a frequent contributor to the railroad hobby press. In addition to his numerous writings, he designs custom layout buildings, layout design services and personal consulting. Lance will be presenting clinics on model railroading as art and layout design principles.

Jeff Witt- Jeff is a well-known chronicler of John Allen's Gorre & Daphetid Railroad. He manages the website <https://gdlines.org/> which presents the "Gorre & Daphetid Remembrance Project" where all things about the G & D and John Allen can be seen. Jeff will offer three different clinics about this historic layout and its forward-thinking creator. If you are a John Allen fan these presentations will just overwhelm you with information.

New Audio/Visual Policy

The Mid-Eastern Region's Board of Directors have recently developed and enacted a new policy for A/V at their re-gional conventions. Gone is the day of the host Division begging and borrowing screens, video projectors, micro-phones, speakers, etc. from nearby Divisions so the local convention could have adequate hardware to support cli-nician's presentations. Starting with the Round the Curve to Altoona Convention, the MER has purchased laptops, projectors, and screens which will assist clinicians as they present their programs. This policy has been implement-ed to avoid major and minor compatibility issues experienced at past conventions. David Ellis, a newly elected Di-rector of the Susquehanna Division, has volunteered as the Convention A/V Manager. He has been hard at work setting up means by which clinician's content can be pre-loaded on the MER laptops. David has also arranged for 'cloud-based' file transfer and storage of A/V content.

We trust that this overview of currently scheduled clinics has whetted your appetite and inspired you to register for the Round the Curve to Altoona Convention. Please visit the convention website for more details, and especially registration. The site is <https://mer2023.org/>.

If any questions arise regarding the clinic program at the Altoona Convention, please feel free to contact Barry Schmitt (Clinics Team Chair) at 717-877-1810 or Rich Wurst (Asst. Clinics Chair) at 609-658-6156. We look forward to providing an excellent clinic experience to all attendees.

Baltimore Harbor District HO Scale Layout by Paul Dolkos



FOR SALE - A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

Paul Dolkos is selling his renowned HO Scale Baltimore Harbor District model railroad. Paul's work is inspired by the Fell's Point historic neighborhood. Structures are scratch built or highly modified kits to create the look of Baltimore's waterfront in the 1950's. Notable features include tracks in the street, chemical plants served by a car float and a pier yard area. The track arrangement is designed to support prototype local switch jobs and transfer runs.

A track plan and early description of the railroad first appeared in Model Railroad Planning 2010. Since then the layout has been featured in several magazine stories with the most recent being Great Model Railroads 2021. The current track plan is on the next page. A video of scenes of the layout is available at <https://youtu.be/Jt1c1hpVv6o>

The layout presently stands in a 17.5' by 29.5' area. With thoughtful planning, it could be expanded, contracted, or rearranged to fit other spaces.

The layout is sold "as is" and the **buyer** will take full responsibility for moving it. The layout is made in 4 sections, each measuring 2 by 12 feet and a staging/yard module that is also 2 by 12 feet with a fold-down wing.

Sections disassemble easily by packing

the buildings and details in bags and boxes and unscrewing the section legs and disconnecting the tracks and wires. While some of the details are fragile, the models themselves are quite sturdy and should withstand a move easily.

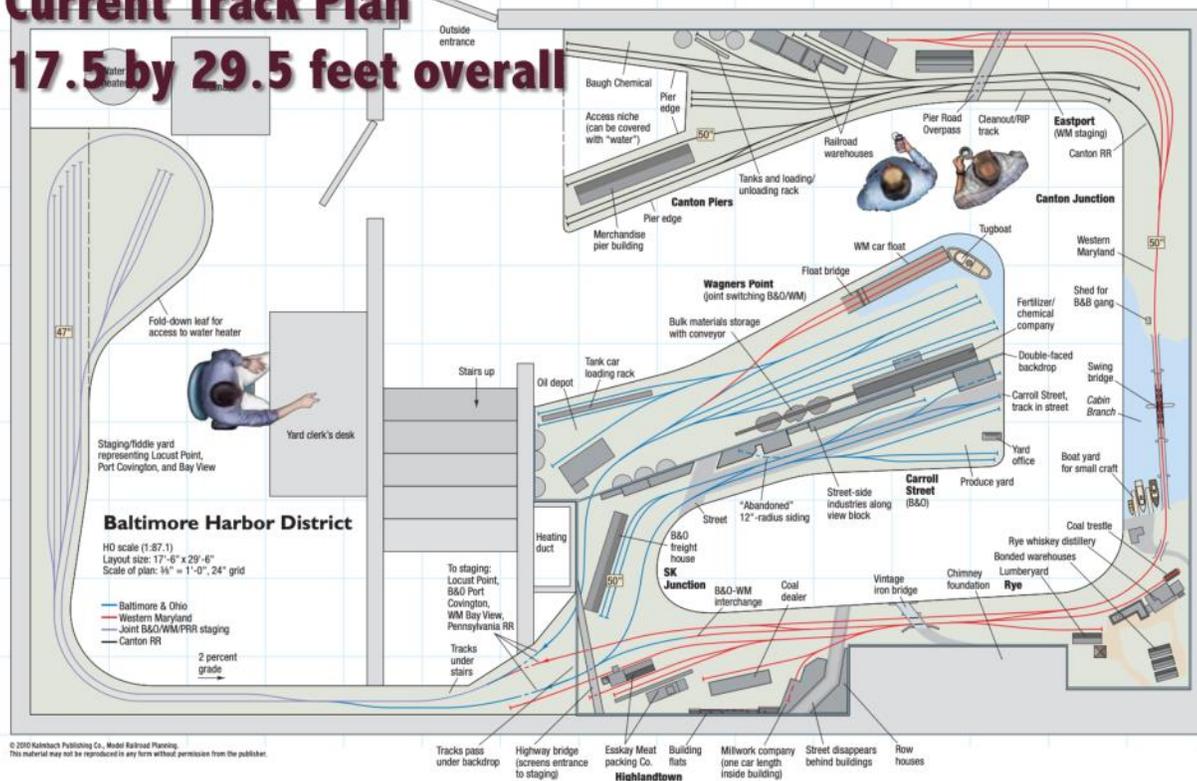
Purchase includes all sections of the



Baltimore Harbor District Layout (continued)

Current Track Plan

17.5 by 29.5 feet overall



Lance Mindheim quote:

Legendary modeler Paul Dolkos is selling his iconic Baltimore Harbor Junction District layout. Asking price is \$18,000. The buyer is responsible for picking the layout up in Alexandria, VA. If you're seriously interested, send me an email and I can furnish more information. As an outside opinion, I would estimate this layout's true value as being well into six figures and the asking price a true bargain.

layout, all structures, watercraft, vehicles, details as shown in the pictures, and the Easy DCC command station with six throttles used to operate the layout. Also included is a Walthers SW1 switch engine custom painted and lettered for the Canton Railroad and with a sound decoder. No other engines or railroad cars are included. The layout is in Alexandria, Virginia. The asking price for the entire layout is \$18,000.

The intent is to sell the entire layout as a

single purchase but serious offers for individual sections will be considered. To pursue purchase or for more information please send an e-mail to

Mat Thompson
(ocrr@comcast.net)

OR

Bernard Kempinski
(bkempins@gmail.com).

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